GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:611
ANSWERED ON:09.07.2004
UNIFORM CIVIL CODE
Khaire Shri Chandrakant Bhaurao

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court advised the Govemment to bring forward a law to provide for a Uniform Civil Code;

(b) if so, whether the Government has proposed to bring necessary legislation in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY)

(a) The Supreme Court of India in its judgement delivered on the 21st July, 2003 in the matter of John Vallamattom Vs. Union of India and anr.[2Q03(5) SCALE 384] has made certain observations in respect of enactment of a Uniform-Civil Code.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Bringing in a Uniform Civil Code involves changes in the Personal Laws including those of the minority communities. It has been the consistent policy of the Central Government not to interfere in the Personal Laws of the minority communities unless the necessary initiatives for such changes come from a sizeable cross-section of such community themselves.